



TOWN OF COLDEN

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2004

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Town Clerk:	Alice M. Wangelin	941-5012 652-7486
Deputy Town Clerk:	Judy D. Kennedy	941-5012
Highway Superintendent:	Kevin A. Shelley	941-3552 941-5948
Assessor's Office:	Ruby Bruce	941-5012
Dog Control Officer:	Lorrie Bieler	941-1DOG (941-1364)
Town Justices:	Carolyn A. Siegel, Esq. William E. Montgomery	941-6390 941-3969
Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer:	Bernard Horschel John kotlarsz	941-5105
Recreation Director:	Michelle McMahon Kip Palmateer	941-5017
Planning Board Chairman:	Roy Bergman	941-5535
Environmental Board Chairman:	Mary Lee	652-0722
Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman:	Dean Bieler	941-3361
Town Historian:	Marty McCallum	941-3237

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The Springville Journal is the official newspaper for the publication of all legal and public notices for the Town in general, taxes, assessment, and zoning.

Non-legal information and notices are also published in the Southtown's Citizen.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS are held the second Thursday of every month. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Colden Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETINGS are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETINGS are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

The Rural Transit Service

Transportation service for eligible residents who reside in the service area, which the Town of Colden is a part of. Trips are for shopping, human services and employment with highest priority given for medical and health services. A wheelchair lift-equipped van and toddler seat are available. Federal income guidelines must be followed for participants to be eligible. Call 549-5098

GOING PLACES VAN

Serving Citizens of Concord, Colden, Holland, Sardinia.

The Going Places Van provides transportation within Erie County for Senior, Handicapped and Disabled Citizens, for medical appointments, social services appointments, sick visitation and other needs.

Cost: The service is provided on a voluntary donation basis.

Hours: 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday –Friday

The van does not operate on Holidays and when Springville-Griffith Schools are closed.

For additional information or to schedule transportation call 592-3321.

DOG CONTROL

Our Dog Control Officer is Lorrie Bieler. She can be reached at 941-1DOG.

Residents should be aware that a Dog Census is being conducted in Colden. The dog Control Officer is visiting each residence in order to obtain license information. Failure to license your dog may result in a fine.

If you are the owner of an unlicensed dog, please obtain an application for a license from the Town Clerk's Office. A current rabies certificate and a spaying/neutering certificate, if applicable, must accompany your application. Fees are \$5.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$13.00 for an unsplayed/unneutered dog. **New Legislation requires dogs to be licensed at 4 month's of age.** Checks should be made payable to the Town of Colden.

The Town of Colden does go by and enforces Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law which is entitled "Licensing", Identification and Control of Dogs." The Dog Control Officer **may seize** a dog that has no identification and is not on the owner's property. Therefore, dog owners are advised to keep their dogs on their own property. **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS ARE STIFF.** The first time a dog is picked up, the owner must pay a fine of \$15.00, plus a \$7.00 fee for each day the dog is kept in the DCO Kennel. The second time the same dog is picked up, the owner must pay \$30.00 plus \$7.00 daily, and the third time \$45.00 plus \$7.00 daily.

INVISIBLE FENCING

Problems have occurred during ditch and shoulder repair. Invisible fences have been dug up during this process. If you are planning to install an invisible fence the Town advises the fence be installed at least five feet back from the road ditch to prevent problems when ditches or shoulder work are necessary.

DOG ADOPTION

The Dog Control Officer occasionally receives calls from people looking to adopt a dog. If you have a dog that you need a home for, or have a home that you would like a dog in, please call the Dog Control Officer with your information. She will do her best to place your pet in a loving home, or find a loving pet for your home.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration forms are available at the Town Hall. If you are a new Colden resident or have merely moved across the street, YOU MUST RE-REGISTER.

COLDEN CEMETERY

This is just a reminder that the Colden Cemetery Association is always in need of donations. Also, graves are available in the New Cemetery at a cost of \$450 per grave. Contact John Belz, Caretaker, at 941-3605 or Alice Wangelin at the Town Hall at 941-5012.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Extra Hours – In addition to the extra hours listed on the back of your 2004 Erie County/Town Tax bills, the Town Clerk's Office will be open each Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon for your convenience during tax season.

If you don't receive your tax bill by Feb. 28, 2004, call the tax office at 941-5012.

MAILING ADDRESS UPDATES

The Town of Colden is required to affix individual mailing labels on each piece of mail. We have worked hard to get everyone's name and address into the computer, however, we may have missed a few.

If your name or address have changed, please contact the Town Hall 941-5022.

Our biggest problem area is with residents who rent. If you rent, or know someone who does, please contact us with accurate address information.

Your help in accurately updating our files will ensure that you receive all future mailings in a timely manner.

STREET LIGHTS

Please notify the Town Clerk's Office if you notice a streetlight that is not working. Pole Number and Street name are needed for proper notification to NYSE&G

JUNK VEHICLES

14-8 Limitations on junk vehicles

- A. A junk vehicle is herein described as any discarded, wrecked, partially dismantled or abandoned automobile, truck, van, recreational vehicle, or trailer. One (1) such vehicle that is not stored in an enclosed building is permitted in any District, with one additional vehicle permitted in the AG District. In all Districts, those vehicles that are not stored in an enclosed building must be parked out of sight from the street or highway or behind the primary structure on the owner's property.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for any new construction as follows:

- New residence (single family, two family, multiple dwelling)
- Any accessory building: garage, storage shed, porch, patio, or deck. This includes prefabricated storage sheds, regardless of size.
- Addition to any existing building
- Renovation or remodeling of any building (Call the Bldg. Inspector for details)
- Above ground pool & inground pool
- Fireplace/woodstove
- Satellite dish & commercial dish more than 3 foot 6 inches in diameter
- Signs
- Demolition work/moving buildings
- Any changes of occupancy

Fences (Call the Bldg. Inspectors before erecting)

Remember to call the building inspectors for inspections as required & listed on the building permit.

In the event that work requiring a building permit is commenced without obtaining a permit, the fee is **DOUBLED**. Permit applications can be obtained and questions answered by calling the Building Inspector.

NYS HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMITS

A Handicapped Parking Permit may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office by calling 941-5012 and requesting a form be sent which must be completed by the attending physician before the actual permit can be issued. New information needed is the last 3 numbers of your drivers license.

ASSESSMENT NEWS

Due to a change in the Assessment Calendar for Erie County, **all exemptions must be filed by May 1, 2004.**

**GRIEVANCE DAY IS JUNE 1, 2004,
4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.**

SENIOR CITIZEN & VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FORMS

Senior Citizen and Veteran's Exemption Forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Please come in and pick up a form or call for one to be mailed.

Senior Citizen and/or Basic Star Exemption for 2004.

Applications are available in the lobby of the Colden Town Hall. **All applications must be filed by May 1, 2004.**

If you received a Senior Exemption and/or Senior Star Exemption last year you must file a renewal.

New Senior Star Applicants:

65+ years of age with income under \$63,750 and property is your primary residence should file **by May 1, 2004.**

Applicants may file by mail or in person.

BASIC STAR (FOR ANYONE):

If you are a **property owner and the property is your primary residence** you should file for the Basic Star Exemption. No income requirement is necessary. **If you filed before you do not need to file again until you turn 65 or you move.**

Applicants may file by mail or in person by May 1, 2004.

COLDEN SENIOR CITIZENS

COME JOIN THE SENIORS. This program is open to all Colden Residents. Meetings are held at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Colden Senior Center. Please contact Loretta Shelley at 941-3572. New members are always welcome. Five to Six interesting day bus trips are planned each year plus many informative speakers are invited for regular meetings. **COME JOIN THE FUN.**

HEAP HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Federally funded program designed to help income eligible persons over the age of 60 or the disabled afford the rising cost of heating their homes.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
THE HEAP HOTLINE
858-7870**

COLDEN MEALS ON WHEELS

Provides nutritious, affordable meals to seniors from once a week to seven times a week. If you have a need or an interest, please call us for more info on our flexible service. We also need substitute volunteer drivers and servers. The meal delivery is Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and takes approximately an hour. You can volunteer for as many or as few days as your schedule and interest allows. Please join us in this worthwhile cause. Any one interested should call Michelle Mc Mahon @941-6416.

COLDEN TO BEGIN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLANS

This year the Town of Colden wants to begin plans on our Town's memorial honoring our Veterans. The Colden Town Board has set aside \$6,000 in this year's budget to begin this project. If you are interested in donating to this memoriam or have relative information, please contact Supervisor Marilyn Calhoun's office at 941-5022 and leave your name and phone number.

**ANY QUESTIONS ON GARBAGE CALL:
TOWN HALL: 941-5012
WASTE MANAGEMNT: 716-496-5000**

PASSPORTS

Can now be applied for at the Town Clerks Office. For more information call 941-5012.

COLDEN RECREATION SOCCER REGISTRATION 2004

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 13TH
TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
WHERE: COLDEN TOWN HALL

WHO:	PEE WEE – AGES 4-5 and 6 year olds (in kindergarten) COST: \$12.00	MIDGETS – AGES 6-8 COST: \$15.00
	YOUTH – AGES 9-12 COST: \$15.00	QUEST – AGES 13-16 COST: \$15.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 26th. *Unable to register Saturday the 13th? Registration forms are available and will be accepted now at the Colden Town Hall. Checks should be made payable to Colden Recreation or if paying by cash please have the exact amount.*

*Please understand that we **cannot** accept any registrations once the coaches' meeting has been held. Planning for equipment, coaches, sponsors, number of players on a team, balancing the teams & uniforms is based on the sign ups we have that night. **Thank you for registering on time.***

SPRING SHAPE UP CLASS

WHO: ADULTS AGES 16 AND OLDER
COST: \$3.00 PER CLASS
WHEN: SATURDAYS 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. (now taking place)
WHERE: COLDEN SENIOR CENTER

BEGINNING APRIL 13TH FOR A 6 WEEK SESSION... Our Spring Shape Up Class will ***ADD*** Tuesdays & Thursdays to its schedule!

COST: \$48.00 OR \$3.00 PER CLASS
WHEN: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 5:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. (Sat. Morning too!)
WHERE: COLDEN SENIOR CENTER

This is a Cardio / Strength class tailored to meet the participant's needs

WANTED: *Local businesses and organizations looking for an efficient and inexpensive way to promote themselves while helping out our community, consider sponsoring a Colden Recreation Sports Team!! **To sign up call the Recreation Department at 941-5017.***

*Also, our summer program Community Days, has been a great success the past 3 years. If you are interested in sharing your talents & donating your time for a 1-hour or more clinic we would greatly appreciate it. Please consider joining the team in offering more programs to our community. Thank you! **Call the recreation department for more information 941-5017.***

UP-DATE ON COLDEN WATER DISTRICT #1

On 2/12/2004 the New York State Department of Audit & Control approved our proposed Water District. This was the big hurdle to overcome. At the 2/12/2004 Town Board meeting, the proper resolutions were passed as required by NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). All field survey work is complete and most of the data is on plan sheets already. The EFC should finalize our paperwork in early May 2004. Survey/Design should be complete in August 2004. In September 2004 we will advertise for construction and award bid. Hopefully construction will be completed in January 2005. Complete final restoration would be done in Spring 2005. Please call Councilman Gerry Pietraszek with any questions, at 998-3665.

RECEPTION FOR AL KALINOWSKI

A reception honoring retired Colden Town Justice Al Kalinowski is planned for:
Saturday March 27, 2004
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
At the Colden Fire Hall
Everyone is invited to stop by and wish Al well!

If your neighbor's house caught fire, or there was a medical emergency next door, wouldn't you want to do more than watch?

The Colden Fire Company is in need of Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service Personnel and Fire Fighters.
Call 941-5353 and leave a message or
Stop by any Monday at 7 p.m.

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